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Submitted herewith are Information Disclosure Statement, two Japanese Actions, Chinese Action, Taiwanese Action, and four references.

In the Japanese Action of February 9, 2009, claims 1 to 11 were rejected by the references 1-3.

1. Japanese Publication No. H11-299901
2. Japanese Publication No. S57-5048
3. "Current situation of balloon stent therapy – forefront of endoscope for biliopancreatic treatment"; Japan, Kanahaea Shuppan Kabushiki Kaisha, April 10, 1998; p.124-127

In the Japanese Action of May 15, 2009, claims 1-12 were rejected by the references 1-4.

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Japanese Publication No. H11-299901 cited in the both Japanese Actions has been submitted on July 18, 2008.

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